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FEDERAL GRAND JURY INDICTS METAIRIE MAN ON GUN CHARGES

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA - Jim Letten, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Louisiana; David G. Harper, Special Agent in Charge, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF); Colonel Henry C. Whitehorn, Superintendent, Louisiana State Police; and Warren J. Riley, Superintendent, New Orleans Police Department; announced today that **JONATHAN R. DAVIS**, 26 years old, of Metairie, was charged in a one count indictment with possession of a firearm by an unlawful user of a controlled substance. The range of punishment for this offense is a term of imprisonment of not more than ten (10) years, and a fine of \$250,000.00. Forfeiture of the weapon can be ordered by the sentencing court if a conviction occurs. Under federal law it is unlawful for a person who regularly uses an illegal controlled

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substance to possess a firearm that has traveled in interstate commerce. The indictment stems from an incident that occurred in the French Quarter during last year's Mardi Gras festivities.

LETTEN stated that his office will continue to aggressively prosecute federal firearms offenses and will be especially vigilant during the upcoming Carnival season.

This case was investigated jointly by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Louisiana State Police and the New Orleans Police Department. The prosecution is being handled by the Assistant U. S. Attorney Mark A. Miller, Chief of the Organized Crime Strike Force Unit.

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